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SUBJECT: MATANZIMA RATTLES HIS ASSEGAI

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1. TRANSKEIAN PRIME MINISTER, CHIEF KAISER MATANZIMA, OPENED THE ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE RULING TRANSKEIAN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY IN UMTATA ON MARCH 8 WITH A SPEECH WHICH THREATENED WAR WITH SOUTH AFRICA UNLESS LANDS CLAIMED BY TRANSKEI BUT OCCUPIED BY SOUTH AFRICA ARE CEDED TO TRANSKEI. WHILE A COMPLETE TEXT OF HIS SPEECH IS NOT YET AVAILABLE TO THE POST, PRESS REPORTS QUOTE MATANZIMA AS SAYING:"IT IS MY HOPE THERE WILL BE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON THIS ISSUE AS I SHUDDER TO CONTEMPLATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF SETTLEMENT--AN ARMED STRUGGLE.... BY MEANS OF AN ARMED STRUGGLE FOR WHICH WE SHALL HAVE TO PREPARE

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WE SHALL TAKE THE LAND UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF OUR LANDLESS POPULATION." HE ADDED THAT NORMALIZATION OF HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN TRANSKEI AND SOUTH AFRICA WOULD DEPEND ON THE TRANSFER OF THE LAND AND THAT NO TIME SHOULD BE LOST IN ARRIVING AT AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT.

2. IN THE SPEECH THE PM MADE NEW POINTS CONCERNING TRANSKEIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE STATUS OF COLOREDS IN HIS COUNTRY. ON THE COMPLEX QUESTION OF TRANSKEIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SAG, HE STATED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH THE SAG THAT "TRANSKEIAN SUBJECTS WILL NOT BE UNDER THE CARE OF THE NOTORIOUS AND ANTI-BLACK BANTU ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS ...BUT UNDER THE SOPHISTICATED AND GENTLE OFFICERS OF THE REPUBLICAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS." ADDRESSING THE COLORED QUESTION, HE ANNOUNCED THAT COLOREDS COULD, FOR THE FIRST TIME, REGISTER AS CITIZENS AND ENJOY PROPERTY RIGHTS IN TRANSKEI.

3. TRANSKEI' CLAIM TO LANDS OCCUPIED BY SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT NEW AND WAS LAST GIVEN PROMINENCE BY MATANZIMA IMMEDIATELY AFTER INDEPENDENCE LAST YEAR (SEE REFAIR). HOWEVER, IN HIS LATEST DEMAND HE HAS OMITTED CLAIMS TO CERTAIN LANDS SOUTH-EAST OF QUEENSTOWN (HEMU, KAMASTONE), THAT ARE IN THE CISKEI. NEVERTHELESS, HE HAS REITERATED HIS CLAIM TO THE DISTRICTS OF ELLIOT AND MACLEAR WEST OF TRANSKEI AND FARMS IN THE CEDARVILLE, MATATIELE, MOUNT CURRIE, HARDING AND PORT SHEPSTONE AREAS EAST OF TRANSKEI. PARTS OF THESE LATTER REGIONS ARE, OR ARE DESIGNATED TO BE, INCORPORATED INTO KWAZULU, WHILE THE REST ARE TO REMAIN PART OF WHITE SOUTH AFRICA. IN AN UNEXPECTED DEPARTURE HE APPEALED OVER THE HEAD OF THE SAG TO WHIEES IN THE AFFECTED AREAS TO ENTER NEGOTIATION ON TRANSKEI' BEHALF. THIS, HE STATED, WOULD ALLOW THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WHITES TO RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF THEIR PROPERTIES UNDER THE TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT AND ENJOY THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP.

4. MATANZIMA' UNEXPECTED BELLIGERENCY TOWARD THE SAG OVER THE LAND ISSUE HAS RECEIVED VERY PROMINENT ATTENTION IN THE LOCAL PRESS AND ON THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED TELEVISION AND RADIO. FOR ITS PART, THE KWAZULU GOVERNMENT MAY CHOOSE TO REPLY, AND THERE HAS BEEN PRESS SPECULATION THAT NOT ONLY THE TRANSKEI CLAIMS TO PART OF KWAZULU BUT ZULU CLAIMS TO THE NORTHERN THIRD OF TRANSKEI WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE KWAZULU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED TO CONVENE MARCH 16. FUGIT

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